

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

The House passed H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

The House passed H.R. 3081, Making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7277–S7332

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1419–1437. **Pages S7317–18**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2010”. (S. Rept. No. 111–42)

S. 1432, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. (S. Rept. No. 111–43)

S. 1434, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. (S. Rept. No. 111–44)

S. 1436, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. (S. Rept. No. 111–45) **Page S7317**

Measures Passed:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: By 84 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 229), Senate passed H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7288–S7311**

Adopted:

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 1375 (to Amendment No. 1373), to prohibit amounts made available under this Act from being used to amend

the final rule to hold employers accountable if they hire illegal aliens. **Pages S7288–89**

Murray (for Tester) Amendment No. 1459 (to Amendment No. 1373), to condition funding for the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility. **Pages S7301–02**

Murray (for Kyl/McCain) Modified Amendment No. 1455 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a detailed report to Congress regarding the utilization and potential expansion of Operation Streamline programs. **Pages S7301–02**

Murray (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 1401 (to Amendment No. 1373), to amend title 46, United States Code, to ensure that the prohibition on disclosure of maritime transportation security information is not used inappropriately to shield certain other information from public disclosure. **Pages S7303–04**

Murray (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 1447 (to Amendment No. 1373), to clarify the definition of switchblade knives. **Pages S7303–04**

Murray (for Bennet) Amendment No. 1457 (to Amendment No. 1373), to protect taxpayers by improving financial accountability at the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S7303–04**

Murray (for Lincoln) Modified Amendment No. 1463 (to Amendment No. 1373), to make a technical correction to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. **Pages S7303–04**

Murray (for Lieberman/Graham) Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1373), to provide that certain photographic records relating to the treatment of any individual engaged, captured, or detained after September 11, 2001, by the Armed

Forces of the United States in operations outside the United States shall not be subject to disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), to amend section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide that statutory exemptions to the disclosure requirements of that Act shall specifically cite to the provision of that Act authorizing such exemptions, to ensure an open and deliberative process in Congress by providing for related legislative proposals to explicitly state such required citations.

Pages S7303–04

Murray (for Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 1454 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on reducing the travel time between locations in the United States and locations in Ontario and Quebec by intercity passenger rail.

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Murray (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1466 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require a report from the Federal Emergency Management Agency relative to housing and the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act.

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Murray (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1465 (to Amendment No. 1373), to authorize the temporary reemployment of administrative law judge annuitants for disputes relating to certain public assistance applications under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

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Murray (for Gregg) Amendment No. 1464 (to Amendment No. 1373), to protect the privacy of personal information provided by United States travelers who participated in the Registered Traveler program.

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Hatch Modified Amendment No. 1428 (to Amendment No. 1373), to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the religious workers and Conrad-30 visa programs, to protect orphans and widows with pending or approved visa petitions.

Pages S7288, S7292, S7305

By 55 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 225), Vitter Amendment No. 1467 (to Amendment No. 1458), to prevent funds from being used to prevent individuals from importing prescription drugs under certain circumstances.

Pages S7302, S7307

Murray (for Dodd) Amendment No. 1458 (to Amendment No. 1373), to provide additional funds for FIRE grants under section 33 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974.

Pages S7302, S7307

Coburn Amendment No. 1433 (to Amendment No. 1373), to prohibit the payment of bonuses to government contractors for poor performance.

Pages S7307–08

By 67 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 226), Murray Amendment No. 1468 (to Amendment No. 1373), to prohibit certain funds from being used for certain efforts.

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Grassley Amendment No. 1415 (to Amendment No. 1373), to authorize employers to voluntarily verify the immigration status of existing employees.

Pages S7288, S7309

Reid (for Byrd/Inouye) Amendment No. 1373, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S7288–S7311

Rejected:

By 36 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 223), Kyl/McCain Amendment No. 1432 (to Amendment No. 1373), to strike the earmark for the City of Whitefish Emergency Operations Center.

Pages S7288, S7289–90

By 35 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 224), McCain Amendment No. 1378 (to Amendment No. 1373), to strike the appropriation for the Advanced Training Center.

Pages S7289, S7290–92, S7296–97

By 31 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 227), Coburn Amendment No. 1434 (to Amendment No. 1373), to prohibit no bid contracts be requiring the use of competitive procedures to award contracts and grants funded under this Act.

Pages S7308–09

By 32 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 228), Sanders Amendment No. 1430 (to Amendment No. 1373), to increase funding for firefighter assistance grants and recruitment and retention grants.

Pages S7309–10

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Byrd, Inouye, Leahy, Mikulski, Murray, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Tester, Specter, Voinovich, Cochran, Gregg, Shelby, Brownback, and Murkowski.

Pages S7311–12

Senator Coleman Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the tributes to Senator Coleman in the Congressional Record be printed as a Senate document and that Senators be permitted to submit statements for inclusion until Friday, August 7, 2009.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Philip D. Murphy, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Francis S. Collins, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health.

Sherry Glied, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2009.

Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2014.

Brian Hayes, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2012.

Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2013.

James A. Leach, of Iowa, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

Rolena Klahn Adorno, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Gordon S. Heddell, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, which was sent to the Senate on June 1, 2009, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Notices of Hearings/Meetings:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—229)

Pages S7390, S7397, S7307–11

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 10:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7332.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT, AND STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1432, making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year 2010;

S. 1434, making appropriations for Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2010; and

S. 1436, making appropriations for Energy and Water Development for fiscal year 2010.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General James E. Cartwright, for reappointment as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and reappointment to the grade of general, of the Marine Corps, and Admiral Robert F. Willard, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, Pacific Command, of the Navy, who was introduced by Senator Inouye, after the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Wilma A. Lewis, of the Virgin Islands, to be Assistant Secretary, and Robert V. Abbey, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, who was introduced by Senator Ensign, both of the Department of the Interior, and Richard G. Newell, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air regulations, one year after the CAIR and CAMR federal court decisions, focusing on key issues the Environmental Protection Agency faces in regulating mercury emissions from power plants, after receiving testimony from Regina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources

and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Douglas P. Scott, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Springfield; Christopher Korleski, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus; Steven Corneli, NRG Energy, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey; Randall R. LaBauve, Florida Power and Light Company, Juno Beach; Gary R. Hart, ICAP Energy, Birmingham, Alabama; Conrad G. Schneider, Clean Air Task Force, Brunswick, Maine.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee continued consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Monday, July 13, 2009.

HEALTH CARE REFORM AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care reform, focusing on the concerns and priorities from the perspective of small businesses, after receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; John Arensmeyer, Small Business Majority, Sausalito, California; Kristie L. Arslan, National Association for the Self-Employed, Amanda Austin, National Federation of Independent Business, David D. Ferreira, United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Todd McCracken, National Small Business Association, Len Nichols, New America Foundation, Ronald Phipps, National Association of Realtors, and Ann Sullivan, Madison Services Group, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Mitternight, Factory Service Agency, Inc., Metairie, Louisiana.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3137–3166; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59; and H. Res. 621, 623, were introduced.

Pages H7945–46

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H7946–48

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 622, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3082) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–195). Page H7945

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H7839

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Anthony L. Bennett, Mount Aery Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Page H7839

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the McMorris Rodgers motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 31 yeas to 385 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 497. Page H7842

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House passed H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Re-

lated Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 160 nays, Roll No. 510. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, July 8th.

Pages H7843–55

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Kingston motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 509.

Pages H7852–54

A second Kingston motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment was withdrawn. Page H7854

Agreed to:

DeLauro manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that increases funding for the Agricultural Research Service salaries and expenses account by \$2 million to go toward Colony Collapse Disorder and pollinator decline research, offset by a \$1 million reduction in the Office of the Chief Information Officer and a \$1 million reduction in Departmental Administration. Increases funding for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture competitive grants by \$3,000,000 to be used for Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) and pollinator decline research, and offsets the increase by a reduction in funding for the Departmental Administration. Increases funding for

the Office of Inspector General at USDA by \$500,000 to determine whether the USDA Organic certification program ensures that the most rigorous standards for certification are honored, and to investigate whether non-organic substances inappropriately remain allowed in small amounts in USDA certified products after organic alternatives have been discovered. The increase is offset by a decrease of the same amount in funding for the Agriculture Buildings and Facilities, General Services Administration account. Seeks to increase the appropriation for the Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program by \$519,000 to a total of \$1.5 million. The amount is offset by decreasing appropriations for “administrative expenses necessary to carry out direct and guaranteed loan programs” within the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account. Seeks to appropriate tobacco product user fees authorized under the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Public Law 111–31). Funds the Methamphetamine Inhibitor Grant Program created in the 2008 Farm Bill at \$2,000,000. Offsets the increase in spending by reducing spending on Rural Development Salaries and Expenses. Prohibits the use of funds for first class travel for employees of agencies funded by the bill, in contravention of Federal regulations (by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 498); **Pages H7843–44**

Brady (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that transfers \$50,000 from the Chief Economist to the Economic Research Service (by a recorded vote of 404 ayes to 27 noes, Roll No. 499); and

Pages H7844–45

Capito amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that transfers \$10,038,000 in the bill from the USDA Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to the Rural Utilities Service Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program (restoring the latter to FY09 appropriation levels) (by a recorded vote of 426 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 500). **Pages H7845–46**

Rejected:

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to reduce FDA funding by \$373 million to equal the FY09 level (by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 501); **Page H7846**

Blackburn amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to make an across-the-board cut of 5 percent to all discretionary funding accounts in the bill (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 502); **Page H7847**

Hensarling amendment (No. 6 printed in part E of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th

that sought to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy project, Kiski Basin, PA and seeks to reduce funds under the heading “Agricultural Research Service—Salaries and Expenses” by the amount that was to have been spent on the National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy project, Kiski Basin, PA (by a recorded vote of 122 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 503); **Pages H7847–48**

Campbell amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for Specialty Crops in Indiana and to reduce funds under the heading “National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities” by the amount that was to have been spent on Specialty Crops in Indiana (by a recorded vote of 111 ayes to 320 noes, Roll No. 504); **Pages H7848–49**

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the Foundry Sand By-Products Utilization project in Beltsville, MD and to reduce funds under the heading “Agricultural Research Service—Salaries and Expenses” by the amount that was to have been spent on the Foundry Sand By-Products Utilization project in Beltsville, MD (by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 319 noes, Roll No. 505); **Page H7849**

Flake amendment (No. 4 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the Agriculture Energy Innovation Center in Georgia and to reduce funds under the heading “National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities” by the amount that was to have been spent on the Agriculture Energy Innovation Center in Georgia (by a recorded vote of 103 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 506); **Pages H7849–50**

Flake amendment (No. 12 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for Potato Research in Idaho, Oregon and Washington and to reduce funds under the heading “National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities” by the amount that was to have been spent on Potato Research in Idaho, Oregon and Washington (by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 333 noes, Roll No. 507); and **Pages H7850–51**

Kingston amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to administer or pay the salary of personnel who administer any broadband loans or loan guarantees on or

before September 15, 2010 (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 508). **Page H7851**

H. Res. 609, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, July 8th.

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Mica motion to adjourn by voice vote. **Page H7855**

Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Price (GA) did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 511. **Pages H7862–65**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 7th:

Recognizing the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month: H. Con. Res. 127, to recognize the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 514 and **Pages H7866–67**

Directing the Architect of the Capitol to engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of “In God We Trust” in the Capitol Visitor Center: H. Con. Res. 131, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of “In God We Trust” in the Capitol Visitor Center, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 410 ayes to 8 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 515. **Pages H7867–68**

Making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010: The House passed H.R. 3081, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 318 yeas to 106 nays, Roll No. 525. **Pages H7868–H7919**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Kirk motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 523. **Pages H7914–16**

Rejected the second Kirk motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 524. **Pages H7916–18**

Agreed to:

Lowey manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–193) that increases funding

for safe water and sanitation programs (\$25M); democracy programs (\$10M); implementation of the U.S.-Brazil Joint Action Plan to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and Promote Equality (\$300,000); maternal health programs (\$10M); and oversight of Department of State and USAID programs (\$8M). These additions are offset by reductions to the Department of State Capital Investment Fund and USAID’s Capital Investment Fund. The amendment also restricts Foreign Military Financing Program funding for Sri Lanka and restricts first-class travel by employees of agencies funded by this Act (by a recorded vote of 261 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 516); **Pages H7877–78, H7909–10**

Weiner amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that strikes Presidential waiver authority on the blocking of aid to Saudi Arabia (by a recorded vote of 297 ayes to 135 noes, Roll No. 519); and **Pages H7896–97, H7911–12**

Kirk amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that prohibits funds in the bill from being used by the Secretary of the Treasury to negotiate an agreement in contravention of certain provisions of law (by a recorded vote of 429 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 521). **Pages H7907–08, H7913**

Rejected:

Buyer amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that sought to reduce funding for: Diplomatic and Consular Programs by \$1.2 billion; Operating Expenses for USAID by \$330 million; and Global Health by \$670 million. This would reflect FY2009 enacted funding levels (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 517); **Pages H7878–79, H7910–11**

Stearns amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that sought to reduce the amount appropriated to the Peace Corps (Independent Agencies) by \$76,560,000 to match the President’s request of \$373,440,000 (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 518); **Pages H7884–86, H7911**

Culberson amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that sought to reduce the total amount of Title V funding in the bill, Multilateral Assistance, by \$505,896,000 (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 520); and **Pages H7905–07, H7912–13**

Flake amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that sought to prohibit funds in the bill from being made available for the one-time special educational, professional, and cultural exchange grants program, reducing the cost of the bill by \$8 million (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 522). **Pages H7908–09, H7913–14**

H. Res. 617, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of

223 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 513, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 217 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 512.

Pages H7855–62, H7865–66

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of James McNulty, former Member of Congress. Page H7910

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeas-and-nays votes and 23 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7842–43, H7844, H7845, H7845–46, H7846, H7847, H7847–48, H7848–49, H7849, H7849–50, H7850–51, H7851, H7853–54, H7854–55, H7864–65, H7865, H7866, H7867, H7867–68, H7909–10, H7910–11, H7911, H7912, H7912–13, H7913, H7914, H7916, H7918, and H7918–19. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review rural broadband programs. Testimony was heard from Cheryl Cook, Deputy Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; Mark Seifert, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on challenges to effective acquisition and management of information technology systems. Testimony was heard from Tim Harp, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Command, Control, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and Information Technology Acquisition, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

ARMY/MARINE CORPS RESET REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittees on Readiness, Air and Land Forces and Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a joint hearing on the status of Army and Marine Corps reset requirements. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and the following officials of the U.S. Marine Corps; GEN. James F. Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant; MG Willie Williams, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Command; and BG Michael

Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command.

SECTION 8 VOUCHER REFORM ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Continued markup of the H.R. 3045, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2009.

TARP FOR MAIN STREET ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 3068, TARP for Main Street Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from William C. Apgar, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Mortgage Finance, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Gary Engel, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; Brian Hudson, Executive Director, Housing Finance Agency, State of Pennsylvania; Chris Warren, Chief of Regional Development, Cleveland, Ohio; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RESERVE'S REGULATORY REFORM ROLE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled "Regulatory Restructuring: Balancing the Independence of the Federal Reserve Monetary Policy with Systemic Risk Regulation." Testimony was heard from Donald L. Kohn, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

U.S. EXPORT CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on The Export Administration Act: A Review of Outstanding Policy Considerations. Testimony was heard from John Engler, former Governor, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported H.R. 1881, Transportation Security Workforce Enhancement Act of 2009.

MINORITY BROADCAST OWNERSHIP

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Trends Affecting Minority Broadcast Ownership. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VOLUNTARY MORTGAGE MODIFICATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Home Foreclosures: Will Voluntary Mortgage Modification Help Families Save Their Homes? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1061, amended, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act; H.R. 715, Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2009; H.R. 1376, amended, Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009; and H.R. 1121, amended, Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009.

MEXICAN DRUG CARTELS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on The Rise of the Mexican Drug Cartels and U.S. National Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Alan Bersin, Assistant Secretary, Office of International Affairs, and Special Representative for Border Affairs; Todd Owen, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and Kumar Kibble, Deputy Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; Anthony P. Placido, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration; and William Hoover, Assistant Director, Field Operations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; J. Robert McBrien, Associate Director, Investigations and Enforcement, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; and R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

CENSUS DATA AND FEDERAL FORMULA FUNDING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing on Census Data and Its Use in Federal Formula Funding. Testimony was heard from Thomas Mesenbourg, Acting Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Todd Richardson, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Donald Moulds, Acting Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; Stuart Kerachsky, Acting Director, National Center for Education Statistics, Department of Education; Carleton Finkbeiner, Mayor, Toledo, Ohio; Robert Bowser, Mayor, East Orange, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT FY 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 58, line 6. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that after disposition of the amendments specified in the first section of the rule, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting. Testimony was heard from Representatives Edwards of Texas, Abercrombie, Wamp, Sessions and King of Iowa.

ENERGY AND WATER LINKAGE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Technology Research and Development Efforts to the Energy and

Water Linkage. Testimony was heard from Kristina Johnson, Under Secretary, Department of Energy; Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH TAX CREDIT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing entitled "Helping Small Business Innovators through the Research and Experimentation Tax Credit." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER/MARINER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on The National Maritime Center and Mariner Credentials. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: RADM Kevin Cook, Director, Prevention Policy; CAPT David C. Stalfort, Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2379, Veterans' Group Life Insurance Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2774, Families of Veterans Financial Security Act; and H.R. 2968, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the required reduction in the amount of the accelerated death benefit payable to certain terminally-ill persons insured under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance or Veterans' Group Life Insurance.

VETERANS HEALTHCARE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 1197, Medal of Honor Care Equity Act of 2009; H.R. 1293, Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009; H.R. 1302, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 1546, Caring for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2009; H.R. 1335, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled; H.R. 2770, amended, Veterans Nonprofit Research and Education Corpora-

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Joint Meetings

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine commercial real estate, after receiving testimony from Jon D. Greenlee, Associate Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Richard Parkus, Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., New York, New York; and Jeffrey D. DeBoer, The Real Estate Roundtable, and James Helsel, RSR Realtors, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors, both of Washington, D.C.

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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to mark up the 2010 appropriations for fiscal year 2009, 8:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on The Crisis in Honduras, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to mark up the following: H.R. 22, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to allow the United States Postal Service to pay its share of contributions for annuitants' health benefits out of the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund; a measure to clarify the authority of the Postal Service to accept monetary donations for commemorative plaques at Post Offices; and several commemorative resolutions and postal naming bills, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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10 a.m., Friday, July 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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